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In re Patent No. 6,310,036 :
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Application No. 09/227,400 : **DECISION ON PETITION**
Filed: January 9, 1999 : **UNDER 37 CFR 1.378(b)**
Attorney Docket No. 17347-301 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(b), filed July 12, 2012, to accept an unavoidably delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **DISMISSED** since the petition is not signed, as required by 37 CFR 1.378(d), by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, the patentee, or the assignee or other party in interest as established by 37 CFR 3.73(b).¹ For applicant's convenience a Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is attached.

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